



HYBRID SYSTEM FOR SEPARATING OXYGEN FROM AIR

TECHNOLOGY READINESS LEVEL: 2

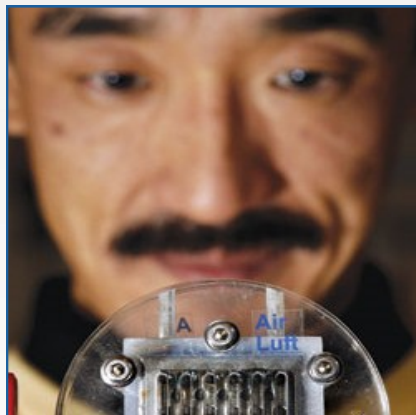
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CONCEPT HAS BEEN FORMULATED. ADDITIONAL RESEARCH IS REQUIRED.

TECHNOLOGY SUMMARY

Sandia has developed a portable, oxygen generation system capable of delivering oxygen gas at purities greater than 98 percent and flow rates significantly greater than commercially available systems. The current process of producing high purity oxygen through a two-stage Pressure Swing Absorption (PSA) method is bulky, energy demanding, and oxygen recovery efficiencies are low. PSA units are currently used in medical, refining, and chemical and gas industries to produce oxygen.

The method devised by Sandia uses highly selective permeable membranes to enrich the stream flowing to a much smaller PSA separation unit, reducing the size and the energy demands of an ambient temperature gas separation process. This system is appropriate for local small to intermediate scale oxygen needs. It provides higher purity than single-stage PSA systems, while consuming significantly less power than two-stage oxygen purifiers.



POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS

- Chemicals
- Healthcare
- Oil & Gas
- Refining
- Medical Devices
- Enhanced Combustion

TECHNOLOGICAL BENEFITS

- Portable, Non-Cryogenic, Oxygen Generating
- Can deliver oxygen gas at greater than 98% purity
- Reduces size and energy demands of gas separation process

TECHNOLOGY INQUIRY?

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